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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Corresponding to PCT/JP00/00876)
Filed: October 16, 2000)
For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN)
HAVING A GLYCOSYL TRANSFER-)
ASE ACTIVITY TO AURONES)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.823(a), please insert the attached copy of the "Sequence Listing" after page 19 and before the claims of the instant application, and renumber the pages accordingly.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 7, 9 and 12 as follows:

5. (Amended) A vector comprising a gene according to [any one of the claims 1 to 4] claim 1.

7. (Amended) A protein encoded by a gene according to [any one of the claims 1 to 4] claim 1.

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9. (Amended) A plant into which a gene according to [any one of the claims 1
to 4] claim 1 has been introduced, and a progeny and a tissue thereof having the same property
as said plant.

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12. (Amended) A method of stabilizing aurones in the plant body which method
comprises introducing the gene according to [any one of the claims 1-4] claim 1 into the plant
body, allowing said gene to be expressed, and using the protein produced therein to transfer
a glycosyl group to aurones in the plant body.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing for the subject application, is by this amendment, added after page 19 and before the claims of the instant application. Please renumber the pages accordingly.

Claims 5, 7, 9 and 12 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims. New claims 12-20 have been added, directed to preferred embodiments of the invention. These claims are supported by the original claims 1-11. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Early and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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